COMPARATIVE LITERATURE, B.A.

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: University Park

Program Learning Objectives

After completing this program, students will be able to:

1. Identify formal and aesthetic aspects of literary texts—including genre, period, style, theme, language, and narrative structure—as they emerge within global patterns of production, translation, or circulation.

2. Analyze literary texts and other artistic media through close readings within a comparative or global context.

3. Utilize library and digital resources to locate, access, and assess relevant research materials.

4. Compare literary texts from different cultures, regions, languages, time periods, and genres with special attention to the benefits and challenges of the comparative method.

5. Produce written arguments that advance a compelling rhetorical or theoretical position through analysis of textual evidence, a strong thesis statement, and a sophisticated understanding of how to read global literatures.